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SUBJECT: GREEK VIEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE FEBRUARY 12-13 GAERC

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Classified By: DEPUTY POLITICAL COUNSELOR PAUL CARTER. REASON: 1.4 (B)
) AND (D).

[1](#)1. (C) On February 9, Poloffs delivered GAERC reftel A, B, and C points to Ioannis Vikelidis, responsible for EU-Transatlantic Relations in the MFA's Foreign Relations Directorate. On specific agenda items, he noted the following:

-- Kosovo/Serbia: According to Vikelidis, Kosovo would be addressed in a restricted session, with GAERC Foreign Ministers responding to the Ahtisaari proposal. (Note: Vikelidis noted several member nations had circulated individual responses to Ahtisaari's proposal in advance of the February 12 GAERC session. End note.) In terms of reaching a consensus, Vikelidis added that GAERC members, including Greece, were awaiting Serbia's response to the proposal.

-- Iran: A "Food for Thought" paper had been circulated in advance of this month's GAERC to further encourage an exchange of views. Vikelidis emphasized that members were aware of U.S. positions and had taken them into consideration when addressing next steps, including the option of freezing financial assets. He noted the GAERC was likely to adopt a double-track approach with Iran: assuming a firm stance when addressing nuclear issues while maintaining open channels of communication on "soft issues."

-- Lebanon: Vikelidis expected the GAERC would finalize the EU's contributions for Lebanon, as agreed upon during the January 25 International Donors Conference in Paris. European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) action plan discussions would focus on promoting peace and stability in Lebanon.

-- Israel/Palestine: Poloffs verbally delivered reftel C. Vikelidis noted that although the February 8 agreement in Mecca was not formally on this month's GAERC agenda, it would likely be discussed.

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